

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15, all of the claims in the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as set forth in the verified translation of PCT/DE2003/002376.

Please add new claims 16-30 as follows.

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) A printing press adapted for the simultaneous printing of first and second webs comprising:

at least one first double printing group;

a first printing gap defined by said at least one first double printing group, said first and second webs being conducted back to back through said first double printing group, each of said first and second webs being printed on a first web side in said first printing gap;

a further double printing group having first and second printing groups adapted for rubber-against-rubber printing, each of said first and second printing groups including a transfer cylinder and a forme cylinder, at least one of said first and second webs being conducted between said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of at least one of said first and second printing groups for direct printing on one of said first and a second side of said web by said forme cylinder.

17. (New) The printing press of claim 16 wherein in said further double printing group both of said first and second webs are each conducted between a separate forme cylinder and transfer cylinder of said first and second printing groups.

18. (New) The printing press of claim 16 further including four of said first double printing groups arranged in a running direction of said first and second webs.
19. (New) The printing press of claim 16 wherein said first and second printing groups in said further double printing group each constitutes a last printing gap.
20. (New) The printing press of claim 18 wherein said four first double printing groups form two H-shaped printing units arranged on top of each other.
21. (New) The printing press of claim 16 wherein said further double printing group is a bridge printing unit.
22. (New) The printing press of claim 16 further including a first drive motor for said first printing group and a second drive motor for said second printing group of said further double printing group.
23. (New) The printing press of claim 16 further including a separate, independent drive motor for each of said transfer cylinders and each of said forme cylinders for each of said first and second printing groups of said further double printing group.
24. (New) The printing press of claim 16 further including guide elements in at least one of said first and second printing groups of said further double printing group and adapted to conduct said one of said first and second webs entering said one of said

first and second printing groups around said forme cylinder of said one of said first and second printing groups.

25. (New) The printing press of claim 16 further indicating guide elements in at least one of said first and second printing groups of said further double printing group and adapted to conduct said one of said first and second webs leaving said one of said first and second printing groups around said forme cylinder of said one of said first and second printing groups.

26. (New) A method for simultaneously printing at least first and second webs including:

- providing at least a first double printing group;

- forming a first printing gap in said at least first double printing group;

- conducting said first and second webs back to back through said first printing gap of said at least first double printing group;

- printing each of said first and second webs on a first side in said first printing gap;

- providing a further double printing group having first and second printing groups;

- providing a transfer cylinder and a forme cylinder in each of said first and second printing groups;

- conducting at least one of said first and second webs between said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of one of said first and second printing groups;
- and

directly imprinting said at least one of said first and second webs on one side by said forme cylinder.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 further including passing one of said webs between said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of one of said first and second printing groups and passing the other of said webs between said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of the other of said first and second printing groups.

28. (New) The method of claim 26 further including conducting said at least one web entering a second printing gap defined by said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of said one of said first and second printing groups around said forme cylinder before entering said second printing gap.

29. (New) The method of claim 26 further including conducting said at least one web entering a second printing gap defined by said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of said one of said first and second printing groups around said transfer cylinder before entering said second printing gap.

30. (New) The method of claim 26 further including defining a second printing gap between said transfer cylinder and said forme cylinder of said further double printing group and passing one of said first and second webs coming from said first double printing group directly into said second printing gap of one of said first and second printing groups facing said first double printing group.